



CAMPUT 2022 Energy Regulation Course

Speaker Biographies

[Valerie Bennett, Manager, Application Policy & Conservation, Ontario Energy Board](#)

Valerie is a Professional Engineer with a Masters' degree in Renewable Energy and has 15 years of experience in energy & energy efficiency matters in Canada, Europe, and Asia. At the OEB, Valerie leads a team that is responsible for developing policy, leading technical working groups, and assessing utility applications related to conservation, climate change, and the energy transition. Valerie is a progressive thinker that has shaped Ontario's regulatory policy on energy transition matters such as natural gas integrated resource planning and how utility-led conservation programs can support greenhouse gas emission reduction goals set by government. In 2021, she was selected by Public Utilities Fortnightly as an Under 40 Rising Star.

Before becoming a manager, Valerie led energy efficiency program proceedings leading to approvals of programs worth \$1 billion and technical studies on energy efficiency and greenhouse gas abatement potential. In addition, Valerie led the establishment of the OEB's annual DSM Evaluation, Measurement & Verification (EM&V) process and continues to oversee its operation. Before that, as a consultant and at a natural gas utility, Valerie conducted energy efficiency studies, on-site audits, and EM&V for commercial and industrial buildings in Canada, Asia and Europe. She also designed and delivered courses on all aspects of efficiency programming for the Ontario Power Authority (now the Independent Electricity System Operator).

[Keith B. Bergner, Partner, Lawson Lundell LLP](#)

Keith Bergner advises private sector, public sector and government clients on Aboriginal law and regulatory matters. He has appeared as counsel before numerous regulatory tribunals and all levels of Superior and Appellate Courts (both Federal and Provincial), including the Supreme Court of Canada. He has acted for clients in a number of natural resource industries including hydro-electric generation and transmission, oil and gas, mining, aquaculture, forestry, transportation and independent power projects. His practice extends throughout Canada, including the North (Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon).

In the area of Aboriginal law, Keith advises governments, Crown corporations and private sector clients on the extent of the duty to consult and, if necessary, accommodate, in respect of potential adverse effects to Aboriginal rights or title by major industrial projects. He advises on the development of consultation programs and has negotiated several dozen impact-benefit agreements with First Nations. Keith acts as hearing counsel for proponents seeking regulatory permits and approvals. He also represents project proponents and governments in appeals and judicial reviews challenging project approvals.

In the area of regulatory/energy law, Keith acts as counsel for proponents and users of energy, mining and other natural resource projects. He appears regularly before administrative tribunals, including the Canada Energy Regulator and the British Columbia Utilities Commission. He also appears as counsel on appeals or applications seeking judicial review of decisions by administrative boards and tribunals.



[Francis Bradley, President & CEO, Electricity Canada](#)

Francis Bradley is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Electricity Canada. Electricity Canada is the National Voice of Electricity and serves its electricity industry members through the work of expert professionals led by Francis and directed by a Board of Directors made up of member CEOs. Francis is the co-chair of the National Cross-Sector Forum, overseeing Canada's Action Plan for Critical Infrastructure. He also sits on the Steering Committee for the Electricity Sub-Sector Coordinating Council (ESCC), the Board for the Energy Council of Canada (ECC), the Positive Energy Advisory Council, and is a founding Board member of the Canadian Transportation Alliance. At the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's (NERC) Member Representatives Committee and Board of Trustees' meetings, Francis represents Electricity Canada and advocates strongly for its members in their activities related to the Electric Reliability Organization Enterprise, and its role in ensuring the reliability and security of the North American bulk power system.

Prior to being named CEO in June 2019, Francis managed Electricity Canada's day-to-day activities as Chief Operating Officer since 2014. During that time, he also acted as a member of the National Advisory Committee of Canada's Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and was a co-chair with the Standards Council of Canada of the Smart Grid Standards Advisory Committee.

In 2019 Francis created and continues to host "The Flux Capacitor" podcast, featuring discussions about the future of electricity with CEOs, regulators, political figures, and leaders from civil society.

[Paul Cheliak, Vice President, Public and Regulatory Affairs, Canadian Gas Association](#)

Paul Cheliak is the Vice President of Strategy and Delivery Public and Regulatory Affairs with the Canadian Gas Association in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The CGA is the national voice for Canada's natural gas distribution companies who deliver natural gas to over 20 million Canadians. Paul leads CGA's overall business strategy with members and develops the thinking behind the future of the regulated energy delivery industry in Canada. Prior to joining CGA, Paul worked with Natural Resources Canada – Canada's federal resource department – providing natural gas market and policy advice to the Department's senior management. Paul lives in Ottawa with his wife and two daughters and is an avid (but not necessarily successful) fisherman.

[Yolanda Domingo, Executive Director, Rates, BCUC](#)

Yolanda is the Executive Director of the Rates Division at the BCUC, where she is in charge of leading and managing all rate and rate design applications, cost of capital hearings, and various high profile and regulatory matters. As part of the executive team, Yolanda is also responsible for leading the strategic planning and direction for the BCUC. With 20 years of industry and regulatory experience, Yolanda has extensive knowledge in project management, regulatory accounting, life cycle costing, and various utility rate setting mechanisms such as cost of service, performance based rates, and multi-year rate plans. Yolanda holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta and is also a Chartered Professional Accountant in BC.



[François Émond, Régisseur \(Commissioner\), Régie de l'énergie](#)

François Émond holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Université Laval and a master's degree in Management and Sustainable development from HEC-Montréal. He has worked in various federal and provincial ministerial offices and managed those of International Relations, Environment and Sustainability, Energy and natural resources and Treasury board. He is a Commissioner at the Régie de l'énergie for more than 4 years and is a member of the Executive Committee of CAMPUT and Chair of the Education Committee.

[Anna Fung, QC, Deputy Chair, BCUC](#)

Anna was appointed as a BCUC Commissioner in December 2017 and as Deputy Chair in 2019, after serving as Vice President, Legal and General Counsel for TimberWest Forest Corp., where she also served as its inaugural Chief Ethics Officer. She was previously Corporate Counsel at Intrawest ULC and Senior Counsel at BC Gas Inc.

Anna holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (English and French) from the University of British Columbia. She earned her Certified Corporate Counsel designation in 2015. She has served as President of the Law Society of British Columbia, Canadian Corporate Counsel Association, People's Law School, Association of Chinese Canadian Professionals and BC Autism Association. She is the Chair of the BC Unclaimed Property Society and a director of the UBC Alumni Association and the BC Council of Administrative Tribunals.

[Maureen Helt, Ombudsperson, Toronto Metropolitan University](#)

Maureen Helt recently joined the Ombudsperson Office at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University) as the Ombudsperson. She has over 25 years of legal experience and has developed numerous dispute resolution skills and has extensive investigative experience. Maureen has strong interpersonal skills and has a reputation for integrity, accessibility and fairness.

Over the last four years Maureen was appointed as a Vice Chair and Adjudicator at Tribunals Ontario. In this role Maureen resolved disputes and adjudicated matters at the Licence Appeal Tribunal, the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal, the Ontario Parole Board, the Ontario Civilian Police Commission, the Social Benefits Tribunal, and others. She was also an Acting Associate Chair of three Tribunals for a period of time during which she was responsible for working with the FIPPA and Access to information teams with respect to requests made of Tribunals Ontario.

Through her experience at Tribunals Ontario and her previous roles at both the Ontario Energy Board and the Law Society of Ontario, where Maureen worked with Compliance and Investigations teams, Maureen has gained extensive experience on issues related to procedural fairness and understands the impartiality, independence and confidentiality principles inherent in the role of the Ombudsperson.

She is a member of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Institute of Canada and has an LLM, specializing in Health Law. Maureen has also been active in her community, having served on the Board of Woodgreen Community Services, the Aspen Wildlife Sanctuary, and the Community Advisory Board of the Toronto South Detention Centre.



[Gordon Kaiser, Arbitrator and Counsel, Energy Law Chambers](#)

Gordon Kaiser is a counsel and arbitrator practising in Toronto, Calgary and Washington at Energy Law Chambers. He is a former vice chair of the Ontario Energy Board and a former Alberta Market Surveillance Administrator. Prior to that he was a partner in a major law firm where he appeared in the courts of five provinces, the Federal Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Canada and ten different regulatory agencies across the country.

He has advised the Alberta Utility Commission and the Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator on settlements under the *Market Rules* and the Attorney General Canada and the Commissioner of Competition on settlements under the *Competition Act*. He has arbitrated disputes dealing with transmission and pipeline facilities, power purchase agreements, gas supply contracts, and wind and solar contracts.

He is the editor of four books: *Corporate Crime and Civil Liability*, *Energy Law and Policy*, *Regulating Energy Market Manipulation* and *The Guide to Energy Arbitration*. He is Co-Chair of the Canadian Energy Law Forum, Co- Editor of the Energy Regulation Quarterly and past President of the Canadian Chapter of the Energy Bar Association. He was the first Visiting Professor in Law and Economics at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law

[Brett Maracle](#)

Brett Maracle has 25 years progressive experience in geology, environmental science, environmental assessment, and Indigenous consultation. Although he began his career as a geologist, Brett has spent the majority of his career specializing in the area of environmental, regulatory and Indigenous and stakeholder issues associated with resource development activities throughout much of Canada. Brett has held environmentally focused positions with a number of government departments including Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Public Works and Government Services Canada, Environment Canada, Natural Resources Canada and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (formerly the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency) where, since 2002, he has been involved in the regulatory review of many of Canada's largest natural resource projects.

Mr. Maracle has successfully worked with a broad range of stakeholders including landowners, Indigenous and northern communities, municipalities, provincial, territorial and federal government departments and agencies and non-governmental organizations. He has been involved in the review of a number of large resource development projects including the Trans Mountain reconsideration, the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline, Prosperity Mine, DeBeers Victor Diamond Mine, Diavik Diamond Mine and Joslyn North Oilsands Mine to name a few. Brett has advised, negotiated agreements and participated in joint provincial-federal panel reviews and has significant experience assessing the potential environmental effects of projects, including the consideration of project effects on potential or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights and traditional land use.

[Katherine McBrearty, General Counsel, NBEUB](#)

Katherine McBrearty joined the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board as General Counsel in November 2020. In her role, Katherine regularly provides advice on procedural issues to the Board and ensures compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Before joining the Board, Katherine worked with the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission as a Mediator. She also worked with



the New Brunswick Residential Tenancies Tribunal as a Residential Tenancies Officer and, later, as Deputy Chief Residential Tenancies Officer.

Katherine received her Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) degree from McMaster University and her Bachelor of Laws from l'Université de Moncton. Katherine also holds a Master of Laws specializing in Alternative Dispute Resolution from Osgoode Hall Law School.

[Scott McKenzie, QC, Chair &CEO, Prince Edward Island Regulatory & Appeals Commission](#)

Scott was appointed Chair and CEO of the Commission in April 2014. The Commission has a broad mandate as an economic regulator of energy, auto insurance, utilities, and corporate and non-resident land ownership. It also hears appeals of land use planning, environment, tax, and residential rental decisions.

Scott chairs the electricity panel and participates in all proceedings dealing with applications by electric utilities.

Prior to his appointment, Scott was a senior partner and Chair of the Corporate Commercial Law Practice Group at the law firm of Stewart McKelvey in Charlottetown. His practice included acting for both Government regulators and private industry in federal and provincial regulatory matters.

Scott is a graduate of Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law. He was appointed Queens Counsel in 2001. He has been recognized as a leading lawyer by Lexpert and Best Lawyers in Canada.

Scott is a regular presenter at National CBA, CAMPUT, Canadian Institute and PEI Law Society conferences and is the coordinator of the Administrative Law Practice Section of the PEI Bar Admission Course.

Scott has served as president of the Charlottetown Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Secretary of the Charlottetown Airport Authority Inc., and as a member of the provincial and national executives of the Canadian Bar Association and Lawyers Financial.

[Michael Millar, Senior Legal Counsel, OEB](#)

Michael Millar is senior legal counsel at the Ontario Energy Board. In his role as counsel Michael regularly provides advice to Board members and assumes carriage of major rates hearings (transmission, distribution and generation), leave to construct proceedings, and various other regulatory hearings. Michael also regularly represents the OEB at appeals before the Ontario Divisional Court and the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Prior to joining the OEB Michael practiced litigation, administrative law, and municipal law with the with the firm Osler Hoskin and Harcourt LLP.



[David Morton, Chair & CEO, BCUC](#)

David was appointed Chair and CEO of the BCUC in December 2015. His responsibility is to deliver on the Vision of the BCUC – to be a trusted and respected regulator that contributes to the well-being and long-term interests of British Columbians. He is also a Commissioner, a role he has had since 2010, and he continues to participate in many proceedings. David also has over 25 years of experience as a consultant in the information technology sector. He is a Professional Engineer in BC, has a Licentiate in Accounting from the Society of Management Accountants Canada, was certified with the ICD.D designation in 2013 by the Institute of Corporate Directors, and holds a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Toronto. David also serves as President of the West Vancouver Community Arts Council.

[Jana Mosely, President, ENMAX Power](#)

Jana is responsible for ENMAX's regulated transmission and distribution (wires) business in Calgary. She also directs ENMAX's power infrastructure engineering and maintenance services.

With over two decades of industry experience, Jana has worked for various utilities, industrial consumers, generators, and the Alberta Electric System Operator. Prior to joining ENMAX in 2015, Jana served as President for Similan Consulting Inc. and advised companies across North America on electricity policy application, connection to the transmission grid, utility operations and project management.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Manitoba, is a Registered Professional Engineer with APEGA, has a Project Management Professional designation and an IC.D designation. In addition to her role at ENMAX, she serves on the board of the Western Energy Institute, Women+Power, and Women in Communication and Technology and is a 2022 Calgary Women in Business award winner.

[Jennifer Nicholson, Board Member, NSURB](#)

Jennifer Nicholson CPA, CA was appointed as a Member of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board in April 2018. Jennifer is a graduate of Saint Mary's University and in 1997 qualified as a Chartered Accountant (now a Chartered Professional Accountant). She qualified with Ernst & Young and following that has held a number of positions. Among Jennifer's volunteer activities are Board Chair of the Blue Nose Marathon, member of the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors, Vice Chair and Co-Chair International Affairs of CAMPUT, and past Treasurer and Secretary of CAMPUT.



[The Honourable Mr. Justice Michael A. Penny, Superior Court of Justice](#)

The Honourable Mr. Justice Penny received a Bachelor of Arts from McMaster University in 1975 and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Toronto in 1982. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1984. Mr. Justice Penny articulated at Torys LLP and then served as a law clerk to the Ontario Court of Appeal. He was an associate and then a partner in the Torys Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice until 2009. His main area of practice was business litigation, including regulated industries such as energy, securities and pensions. He served as a member of the executive of the Civil Litigation Section of the Ontario Bar Association as well as a member of the Board of Directors of The Advocates' Society. Mr. Justice Penny was appointed a Judge of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario in Toronto in November 2009. Since his appointment, Justice Penny has presided over cases covering the full range of Superior Court work, including: civil; commercial; criminal; family and judicial review of administrative action. He is currently sitting on the Commercial List in Toronto.

[Jane Scott, Consultant](#)

Jane recently retired from the Ontario Energy Board where she was the Manager, Electricity Distribution: Major Rate Applications & Consolidations. In this role she was responsible for all electricity cost of service rate applications, consolidation applications and the OEB's filing requirements for Cost of Service applications including the review of Distribution System Plans. She is currently working on a review of intervenor processes and cost awards for the OEB. Before joining the OEB Jane worked for a number of Ontario electric utilities in the areas of planning and regulatory. She is a Professional Engineer and holds an Masters of Law in Energy and Infrastructure

[Kristi Sebalj, Commission member, AUC](#)

Kristi Sebalj has held legal and regulatory roles in the energy and utilities sectors in Canada for more than twenty years. Before joining the Alberta Utilities Commission in July 2018, Ms. Sebalj was the Registrar at the Ontario Energy Board, where she oversaw the Ontario Energy Board's adjudicative processes and designed and directed the implementation of a far-reaching consumer engagement program. Prior to this role, she was senior legal counsel at the Ontario Energy Board, providing litigation counsel for rates and facilities hearings and legal, strategic and regulatory advice for policy matters.

Prior to joining the Ontario Energy Board in 2005, Ms. Sebalj was the co-chair of (then) McMillan Binch LLP's energy group where she appeared before energy tribunals and represented clients in corporate and regulatory matters involving electricity generation, transmission and distribution, natural gas supply, pipeline and tolling issues, and the purchase, sale and construction of energy-related assets.

Kristi received a Bachelor of Laws degree and a certificate in marine environmental law from Dalhousie University. She also holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from McMaster University. Ms. Sebalj is member of the Law Society of Ontario and the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, and holds a certificate in adjudication for administrative agencies, boards and tribunals.



[Amanda Spyce, Indigenous Consultation lead, AUC](#)

Amanda Spyce is the AUC's Indigenous consultation lead and has over 18 years of experience with Indigenous consultation and natural resource development from both a public and private sector perspective in Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories and the Yukon.

Throughout her career, Amanda has developed comprehensive knowledge of Alberta's regulatory processes and a strong respect for the unique history, culture and protocols of Indigenous peoples from working with over 30 First Nation and Métis communities.

A key part of Amanda's role is working with Indigenous groups and industry to help them understand the AUC's regulatory process and explore opportunities for improvement. Amanda works closely with the AUC's facilities and legal staff to develop and implement the Commission's Indigenous consultation policies and procedures. This also involves providing advice and guidance on the duty to consult for power plants (i.e. gas, wind, solar), transmission lines and gas utility applications. Amanda regularly liaises with the Alberta government, including the Aboriginal Consultation Office, Alberta Culture and Status of Women and Alberta Environment and Parks with respect to consultation and policy development.

[Karen Taylor, Independent Energy Consultant](#)

Karen Taylor is an independent energy consultant, with deep experience in capital markets, regulatory policy and infrastructure investing. She is Vice Chair of the Council for Clean & Reliable Energy, a non-profit organization that provides a platform for public dialogue and analysis on subjects related to energy policy and governance and is a Board Member of the Macaulay Child Development Centre, where she serves on the finance committee and is chair of the strategic planning committee. She is also an Executive Fellow with the Ivey Energy Policy and Management Centre.

Karen has over 25 years of relevant senior executive financial and energy experience. She was a top-ranked equity analyst for 16 years with TD Securities and BMO Capital Markets covering the pipeline, energy utility and power generation sectors. She also served as the Executive Advisor to the Chair of the Ontario Energy Board and was a Member of the Ontario Energy Board. In addition, she served as Special Advisor to the Chair of the Ontario Securities Commission. Karen has a Bachelor of Commerce Degree, Major in Finance, with Distinction, from the University of Alberta, a Master of Business Administration, with Honours from the Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario, and is a Chartered Financial Analyst. She has also completed the ICD-Rotman Directors Education Program and holds the ICD.D designation.

[Philip Tunley, Partner, St. Lawrence Barristers](#)

Phil Tunley is a founding partner at St. Lawrence Barristers LLP, with more than 30 years' experience as counsel in complex litigation matters. He represents clients at all levels of courts in Ontario, and in the Federal Courts and Supreme Court of Canada. He appears frequently in the Divisional Court and before a variety of administrative appeals tribunals. He is also an experienced trial counsel in both civil disputes and provincial offence matters, and in a wide range of regulatory and administrative hearings. Recently, Phil's administrative and regulatory practice has focused on energy regulation and on regulatory compliance proceedings.